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NOTE FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: 21 November 1978 Call from Walter Elder
Re Former DCI McCone and Bill Miller, SSCI
Staff Director

1. The undersigned received a call from Walt Elder, RM Staff, who was calling to ask if we could postpone our meeting concerning requests for Charter legislation information made by Mr. John McCone through Mr. Elder (see attachment).

2. Mr. Elder said he had recently received another call from Mr. McCone who asked that no material be sent to him at his present location in the Bahamas. Mr. Elder agreed that that would be inappropriate. Mr. McCone, however, would like to receive whatever can be made available when appropriate. Mr. Elder said he'd give me a call early next week to arrange a time for our meeting at the Headquarters building to discuss what--if anything--could or should be made available to Mr. McCone. Mr. Elder made it known to me that he doesn't want to get into the position of "shuttle-cocking" SSCI and Administration views on Charters to Mr. McCone.

3. In that regard, Mr. Elder said he recently spoke with Bill Miller, whom he has known for many years. Mr. Elder said that Bill Miller is very optimistic that compromises can be hammered out with the Administration within the next two weeks so that a consensus bill could be prepared by Christmas. Mr. Elder commented that Mr. Miller appears to be a lot more optimistic than those in the Administration with whom he has talked. Mr. Elder noted that he asked Mr. Miller if the bill would be reintroduced separately by individual titles. Mr. Miller's response to that was an emphatic "no" stating that issues in the individual entity titles would be handled only after the issues in Titles I and II have been put to bed.

DCI/RM-78-5138
14 November 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Deputy Legislative Counsel

FROM:

Walter Elder

SUBJECT:

John A. McCone

1. Mr. McCone has called me twice again in connection with his interest in charter legislation. He has not heard from the DCI since Mr. McCone sent him a letter about his exchange of views with Senator Cranston. I told him that I thought a reply was in the works.

2. For your information, Mr. McCone has mapped out a schedule for the months ahead which gives him little leeway or flexibility. He plans to sit down with Senator Cranston on 8 or 9 January in California (reckoning that Congress will convene about 15 January), and he would like the following:

- An up-to-date version of the Senate bill;
- The administration's views on the bill;
- The DCI's views on the bill;
- A talking paper to use with Cranston.

3. When and if he gets a letter from the DCI "enclosing a copy of our views on the legislation," he will expect me to know all about it.

4. If I'm brought up to date, then I can keep Mr. McCone informed. It is important that we channel his efforts, but we should not expect him to parrot the administration's position.

5. What can I tell Mr. McCone at this time about charter legislation? What about the House side?

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Walter Elder

cc: [REDACTED]

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